

**First Presbyterian Church
Chippewa Falls, WI
Worship Service
July 25, 2021 – 10:15 AM**

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS:

CALL TO WORSHIP:

One: May Christ dwell in your hearts through faith, as you are being rooted and grounded in love.

All: May you have the power to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge.

One: Now to the One who is able to accomplish far more than all we can ask or imagine,

All: To God be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus to all generations, forever and ever.

One: Let us worship God!

INVITATION TO CONFESSION:

Our God is a God of justice, waiting to be gracious to you, yearning to have mercy on you.

Blessed are all who wait for the Lord. In penitence and faith, let us confess our sins to almighty God. (Isa. 30:18)

PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE OF PARDON:

All: Blessed Redeemer, have mercy upon us as we confess our sin. You endow us with goodness while we squander your blessings. We yearn for the possessions that our neighbors enjoy. Envy, greed, and selfishness consume us. Satisfaction eludes us as our cravings increase. Quiet our longing for material riches, and help us trust in Jesus, who provides for our needs.

One: And now may “Christ dwell in your hearts through faith, as you are being rooted and grounded in love, that you may have the power to comprehend, with all the saints, what is the breadth and length and height and depth. May you know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, so that you may be filled with all the fullness of God.” With that fullness will come the assurance that God forgives all our sin.

PASSING OF THE PEACE

One: Reminded of God’s love for us, let us share the peace of Christ with one another. The peace of Christ be with you.

All: And also with you.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE:

THE LORD’S PRAYER:

...Our Father, who art in Heaven. Hallowed be Thy name. Thy Kingdom come. Thy will be done, on earth, as it is in Heaven. Give us this day, our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the Kingdom, and the power and the glory forever. AMEN

FIRST READING:**2 Kings 4: 42-44**

A man came from Baal-shalishah, bringing food from the first fruits to the man of God: twenty loaves of barley and fresh ears of grain in his sack. Elisha said, "Give it to the people and let them eat." But his servant said, "How can I set this before a hundred people?" So he repeated, "Give it to the people and let them eat, for thus says the Lord, 'They shall eat and have some left.'" ⁴He set it before them, they ate, and had some left, according to the word of the Lord.

GOSPEL:**John 6:1-21**

After this Jesus went to the other side of the Sea of Galilee, also called the Sea of Tiberias. A large crowd kept following him, because they saw the signs that he was doing for the sick. Jesus went up the mountain and sat down there with his disciples. Now the Passover, the festival of the Jews, was near. When he looked up and saw a large crowd coming towards him, Jesus said to Philip, "Where are we to buy bread for these people to eat?" He said this to test him, for he himself knew what he was going to do. Philip answered him, "Six months' wages would not buy enough bread for each of them to get a little." One of his disciples, Andrew, Simon Peter's brother, said to him, "There is a boy here who has five barley loaves and two fish. But what are they among so many people?" Jesus said, "Make the people sit down." Now there was a great deal of grass in the place; so they sat down, about five thousand in all. Then Jesus took the loaves, and when he had given thanks, he distributed them to those who were seated; so also the fish, as much as they wanted. When they were satisfied, he told his disciples, "Gather up the fragments left over, so that nothing may be lost." So they gathered them up, and from the fragments of the five barley loaves, left by those who had eaten, they filled twelve baskets. When the people saw the sign that he had done, they began to say, "This is indeed the prophet who is to come into the world."

When Jesus realized that they were about to come and take him by force to make him king, he withdrew again to the mountain by himself.

When evening came, his disciples went down to the lake, got into a boat, and started across the lake to Capernaum. It was now dark, and Jesus had not yet come to them. The lake became rough because a strong wind was blowing. When they had rowed about three or four miles, they saw Jesus walking on the lake and coming near the boat, and they were terrified. But he said to them, "It is I; do not be afraid." Then they wanted to take him into the boat, and immediately the boat reached the land towards which they were going.

SERMON: "Loafing and Fishing with Jesus"

Rev. Sandee Kosmo

CLOSING PRAYER AND BENEDECTION:

POSTLUDE: